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SUBJECT: SIAD BARRE'S FUTURE

1. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT YOUR ASSESSMENT IS OF SIAD BARRE'S SURVIVABILITY UNDER THE VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES WHICH YOU SEE AHEAD. ALSO HELPFUL WOULD BE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY WHICH HAVE A BEARING ON HIS FUTURE AND ON THE LIKELY COMPOSITION AND ATTITUDES OF ANY SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH IT IS IN NO WAY OUR INTENTION TO ADOPT ANY COURSE OF ACTION DESIGNED TO LEAD TO SIAD'S DEPARTURE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT EVENTS COULD COMBINE TO PRODUCE THIS RESULT. WE HAVE NO CLEAR PICTURE OF WHETHER THIS MIGHT BE "GOOD" OR "BAD". IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE MANNER IN WHICH US INTERESTS

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WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS AND HOW THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WOULD FARE UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. AT YOUR DISCRETION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE VIEWS OF ARAB OR OTHER INFORMED MOGADISCIO MISSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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